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The list of risks goes on, including:

- Loss of biodiversity as only a few varieties of crops are used extensively;
- Genetic "drift" as pollen of altered plants mingles with traditional varieties;
- Increased allergies and other potential health problems;
- Greater reliance on the chemicals required for GE crops;
- Control of the world's seeds through patents owned by a few corporations.

We must require great caution in the development of GE foods, including pre-testing and labeling of new products, corporate accountability to consumers and public regulation.

ACTION: Write to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in support of a legal petition by the Center for Food Safety. Please ask FDA to require that:

• No new genetically-engineered foods or products with GE ingredients be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all GE foods before they go to market.

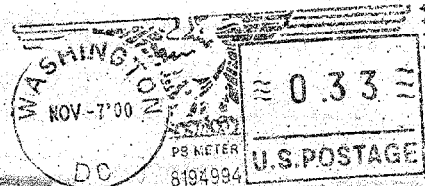
• All GE foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what's in the food they are eating.

WRITE: Jane Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Docket # 00P-1211/CP1
5630 Fishers Ln., Room 1061 (HFA-305)
Rockville, MD 20852

SEND A COPY of your letter to your Member of Congress and ask her/him to sponsor comprehensive regulation of GE foods in the next Congress.

For more information, contact us or visit our website at www.2020vision.org.

** No Reply needed please!*



To remove some of the question marks from your own plate, buy organic!! Foods certified organic do not contain GE food products, while most national brands can't promise you the same.

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TAKE THE GUESSWORK OUT OF EATING

Test and label genetically-engineered foods!

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Is your wholesome breakfast cereal really as wholesome as you expect? It seems that neither Kellogg's nor the Food and Drug Administration can say for sure. Recently, genetically-engineered (GE) corn that was supposed to be used only in animal feed turned up on supermarket shelves in processed foods. Aventis Crop Science, manufacturer of "Bt" corn (genetically modified to produce its own pesticide) can't explain the mix-up. But it's easy to see how such mistakes are possible because producers and distributors aren't required to label or track GE foods.

There is NO comprehensive government regulation of genetically-engineered foods, yet we've been eating them since 1996. Companies can volunteer information about development, planting and content, but they aren't required. The loophole: the Food and

Drug Administration says that GE foods are not a food additive to be regulated and that modified plants don't differ "materially" from non-modified plants. Yet ironically, biotech corporations are counting on big profits because of the differences in their patented seeds.

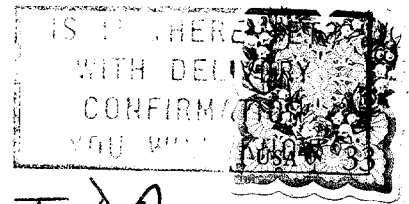
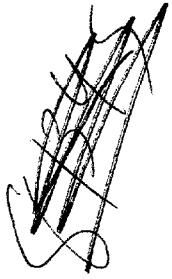
These corporations are in a race for control of agricultural production, not a race to feed the world. The U.S. government has failed to protect consumers, and has allowed a few big companies to place our global food supply on a dangerously uncertain course. We are driving down a road without our headlights on when it comes to genetically-altered foods. It's time to pause and make sense of this important issue.



Already, 70 million acres of US farmland are planted with GE seeds, and most of the national food brands can't guarantee that their products do not contain GE foods. The problem is that once these seeds are released in nature, we can never take them back.

The \$\$\$ Trail: Bt corn producer Aventis (formerly Rhone-Poulenc), contributed \$475,580 to federal election campaigns between 1/1/99 and 10/1/00. Support campaign finance reform and demand that your elected officials do the same.

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Jane Henney, Commis. FDA

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